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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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TAGS: OCON, CENTO

SUBJ: 23RD CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING, LONDON

REF: STATE 102040

1. WE QUERIED FCO DESK OFFICER FOR CENTO ON REPORTED UNCERTAINTY OVER DATES FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL. LATTER EXPLAINED THAT AT RECENT RDC MEETING IN TURKEY, BOTH TURKISH AND PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD INDICATED THAT MAY 26-27 DATES WERE INCONVENIENT FOR THEM. THEREUPON CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL HELD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS, INCLUDING US EMBASSY IN ANKARA, TO SEE IF ALTERNATIVE DATES IN JULY WOULD BE PREFERABLE. ON BASIS THESE DISCUSSIONS, SECRETARY GENERAL INFORMED FCO ON APRIL 26 THAT ESTABLISHED DATES MAY 26-27 WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE, ALTHOUGH IT POSSIBLE THAT PAKISTANI AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND. THEREFORE, FCO IS NOW "PLANNING FIRMLY" FOR MAY 26-27.

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2. FCO DESK OFFICER STRESSED FACT THAT DECISIONS ON

TIMING OF CONFERENCE ARE BASICALLY BEING MADE IN ANKARA
IN CENTO CONTEXT, WITH HMG AS HOST ADAPTING ITSELF AS
BEST IT CAN.

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